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SAN CARLOS COUPLE INDICTED FOR DEATH OF CHILD

PHOENIX, ARIZONA -- The United States Attorney's Office for the District of Arizona announced that on December 9, 2003, a federal grand jury at Phoenix, Arizona, returned an eight count indictment against LARRY KENT WALKER, SR. (DOB 12/23/73) and SHARON JANE DOSELA, (DOB 7/23/66) of San Carlos, Arizona.

The indictment charges WALKER and DOSELA with assaulting a juvenile female from October 28, 2003, until her death on November 3, 2003. During that time period, the defendants allegedly assaulted the female juvenile with a wooden paddle and sexually abused her while on the San Carlos Apache Indian Reservation. In regard to the sexual abuse, the indictment alleges that LARRY WALKER inserted his fingers in the juvenile's genital opening and that SHARON DOSELA inserted an object into her rectum. This abuse culminated in the female juvenile's death on November 3, 2003.

The indictment specifically alleges that WALKER and DOSELA committed felony murder of a child under 12 years of age in perpetration of child abuse and as part of a pattern and practice of assault and torture against the child. The defendants are also charged with one count of Second Degree Murder, one

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count each of Aggravated Sexual Abuse, one count each of Assault with a Dangerous Weapon and one count each of Assault Resulting in Serious Bodily Injury. Both defendants are currently in the custody of the San Carlos Apache Tribal police on other charges. A warrant has been issued for their arrest on the federal charges. A redacted indictment was issued removing the name of the juvenile victim in order to protect her privacy, as required by federal law.

The federal indictment charges both defendants with violating Title 18 of the United States Code, Sections 1111, 2241(c), 113(a)(3) and 113(a)(6). A conviction for 18 U.S.C. §1111 carries a mandatory term of life imprisonment for felony murder and a maximum penalty of life for second degree murder, a \$250,000 fine or both. A conviction for 18 U.S.C. §2241(c) carries a maximum penalty of life imprisonment, a \$250,000 fine or both. A conviction for 18 U.S.C. §§ 113(a)(3) and (6) carries a maximum penalty of ten (10) years imprisonment, a \$250,000 fine or both.

An indictment is simply the method by which a person is charged with criminal activity and raises no inference of guilt. An individual is presumed innocent until competent evidence is presented to a jury that establishes guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

The investigation preceding the indictment was conducted the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The prosecution is being handled by Ann Birmingham Scheel, Assistant United States Attorney, District of Arizona, Phoenix, Arizona.

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